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ORIGIN

The following information about a secret Guatemalan organization known as TRIR is presented because of the political importance of some of its leading members. Although the group purports to be a social organization with literary and bohemian pretensions, it is felt that these activities camouflage its real purpose, which is political.

1. The organization TRIR has been identified as a secret faction of the Partido Accion Revolucionaria (PAR), formed in 1946 by the young element within the party. The name TRIR stands for the initials of the Spanish words for terrorism, revolution, incendiarianism, and assault.
2. TRIR has a radical program of seventeen points, one of which is the elimination of the old traditional conservative and liberal political parties of Guatemala. It has been reported that TRIR has obtained arms through Chief of Staff Lieut. Col. Carlos Sandoval Aldana for the purpose of defending the present administration should the armed forces be suspected of disloyalty to President Arevalo. The arms are believed to be hidden at a TRIR retreat just outside the capital, near the Campo de Marte.
3. The principals of the organization are classified under titles which are a combination of nick names and the names of Quiche Indian mythological gods. The supreme chief is J. Humberto Zepeda, but he is really a front for Augusto Charnaud MacDonald, Minister of Economy. For purposes of organization, Guatemala is divided into zones as follows:

Eastern	Deputy Alvaro Hugo Salguero
Central	Francisco Fernandez
United Fruit	Deputy Guillermo Melbourne
Western	Amor Velasco de Leon, aided by agitator Ernesto Marroquin Wyss
Northern	An Indian (name unknown)

Others identified as officers of the organization are Mario Sandoval and Juan O. Rivera. President Arevalo is also suspected of being a member of TRIR.

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